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be "confirmed on Friday" of next week. Senate Republicans continued to put the pressure on Democrats to lend enough support to Colorado appeals court judge Gorsuch to avoid a showdown that in turn could trigger McConnell to seek a change in Senate rules that would clear away a Democratic blockade. REUTERS

WATER LINES TO BE REPLACED IN FLINT

2 Michigan will replace water lines serving at least 18,000 homes in Flint over the next three years under a settlement approved by a U.S. judge to address a 2015 crisis that exposed residents to lead in their drinking water. The state will pay $87 million to identify and replace the service lines containing lead or galvanized steel by 2020, according to the settlement approved by U.S. District Judge David Lawson in Detroit, court documents said. An additional $10 million is being held in reserve. The deal marked a major agreement to replace piping that played a significant role in the Flint water crisis that prompted dozens of lawsuits and criminal charges against former government officials. Lawson found the settlement to be "fair, adequate, reasonable, consistent with the public interest," according to online court documents. REUTERS

BRITISH PM MAY TO FIRE STARTING GUN ON BREXIT

3 Prime Minister Theresa May will file formal Brexit divorce papers on Wednesday, pitching the United Kingdom into the unknown and triggering years of uncertain negotiations that will test the endurance of the European Union. Nine months after Britons voted to leave, May will notify EU Council President Donald Tusk in a letter that the U.K. really is quitting the bloc it

joined in 1973. The prime minister, an initial opponent of Brexit who won the top job in the political turmoil that followed the referendum vote, will then have two years to settle the terms of the divorce before it comes into effect in late March 2019. REUTERS

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4 The Taraboczhia family from Emerson, New Jersey, had just left Notre Dame University where their daughter Riana was just accepted ... as they traveled west on US 20 in La Porte County, a wild turkey flew into the path of their rental vehicle. The wild turkey was impaled in the center of the windshield. The 30-pound Tom was killed on impact and fortunately the family only suffered minor cuts from the glass. Mating season for wild turkeys means that they are often on the move and can be as hazardous as deer. LA PORTE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE FACEBOOK PAGE

FACEBOOK ADDS CAMERA FEATURES

5 Facebook Inc. is giving the camera a central place on its smartphone app for the first time, encouraging users to take more pictures and edit them with digital stickers that show the influence of rival Snapchat. Shares of Snapchat owner Snap Inc (SNAP.N), which held its initial public offering this month, were down 4.1 percent at $22.85 after Facebook's announcement. With an update scheduled to take effect on Tuesday, Facebook will allow users to get to the app's camera with one swipe of their finger and then add visual details like a rainbow or a beard of glitter. Users will be able to share a picture privately with a friend, rather than to all of their friends, and add a picture to a gallery known as a "story," similar to a feature on the Snapchat app. REUTERS

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Philadelphia Burlesque festival tries crowdfunding to keep alive the bump-n-grind

The four-day event is scheduled to begin next week.

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This year's Philadelphia Burlesque Festival might be tough to pull off, so to speak.

"I don't have the funds," said Liberty Rose, a performer and co-producer of the annual event, which is scheduled to begin next week.

In an attempt to keep the four-day festival in the black, Rose and fellow performer, Victoria Page, came up with a digital solution: a fundraising page on the Gofundme website.

The women are hoping to raise $9,000 to cover production costs.

The money will help pay such expenses as headliner fees, venue rental, video and photo crews and program materials, according to the website.

Rose, 31, of Fishtown, has paid festival expenses herself in the past, but this year the event is being held a month earlier and the popularity of the festival has made it more expensive to produce.

The popularity of burlesque extends from theater venues to shows at local bars, which she said has led to something of an "oversaturation" of performances locally. The quality of some shows has suffered as a result, she said.

"It's exciting that the scene is growing, but, it's difficult to navigate what's going on in the scene," she said. "There's a lot of shows that feel like open-mic nights."

With the upcoming festival, Rose said she hopes to "inspire and elevate" local burlesque performers and their performances by bringing in talented performers from all over the world.

This year, Poison Ivory, who is billed as the "Reigning Queen of Burlesque," is slated to perform, as are Chicago's Red Rum, the duo Kitten and Lou from Seattle and Mr. Gorgeous, the man awarded "Most Comedic" at the Burlesque Hall of Fame in Las Vegas.

Also, there will be burlesque classes taught by the Philadelphia Burlesque Academy.

Burlesque performer Jo Weldon

"The classes, for me, are a huge part of what makes this festival important," said Kate Nyx, 26, of South Philly.

Nyx is a fellow performer and has been helping Rose with social media for the upcoming festival. With performers coming in from all over the world, Nyx said that there will be so many opportunities to learn.

"There's a lot of people from Philly who haven't seen someone from Denmark do burlesque," she said. "The sheer amount of storytelling that can happen with this format … that's what I'm looking forward to."

The Third Annual Philadelphia Burlesque Festival is scheduled from April 6 through 9 at the Plays and Players Theatre, at 1714 Delancey St. For more information, tickets or to help donate to support the festival, visit the festival's website: thephiladelphiaburlesquefestival.com.

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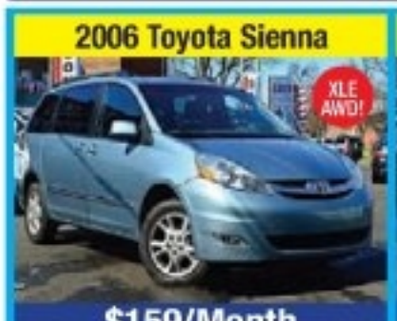

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Stephen Brady serves a drink at Boxers, a new bar in the gayborhood that recently opened its doors. FILE

GAYBORHOOD TOLERATES 'DANGEROUS' ATTITUDES

BRIAN SIMS

guest columnist

Brian Sims represents Philadelphia's 182nd District — including the area known as the Gayborhood — in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives.

There is racism in the Gayborhood.

I know this because black and brown people who live in, shop in, work in and otherwise come to the Gayborhood like I do, have been saying so for years.

That this fact has been so difficult for some of the communities of Philadelphia, and for the city's LGBTQ communities in particular, to recognize is more than just disheartening, it's dangerous.

Racism means more than just a police force that targets black and brown men and women, a dress code intended to exclude racial and ethnic communities, or an immigration officer checking the "papers" of a Spanish-speaker they think looks like an "illegal."

Racism also means limiting the ability for black and brown employees to climb the ranks in their jobs. It means having to use their "cultural competency" like it's part of their job description.

Black and brown LGBTQ people are too often recruited to be the face of service organizations or businesses because doing so helps promote those companies' image. When it comes to the Gayborhood, businesses and organizations that serve the LGBTQ communities aren't absolved from responsibility for discrimination. In fact, many deserve to be held to the higher standard that they themselves have promoted.

And for all the national discussion about understanding the transgender community — and which bathrooms people use — there seems to be a serious lack of understanding and empathy for the day-to-day hardships many in that community face. Philadelphians show the nation every day that we are a city that does righteous indignation well. We have rallied, marched and risen up in the wake of a divisive presidential election.

Despite our collective opposition to hateful policies and rhetoric, there is still racism in the Gayborhood and it is incumbent upon us to stop it.

During a recent meeting with the Black & Brown Workers Collective, I was asked to get louder, show my support and be a better ally.

From promoting collaboration and lifting voices of equality to admonishing discrimination, I owe it to the people who elected me — and the communities I can reach — to set the best example of a genuine ally.

There is racism in Philadelphia and in its Gayborhood. It is toxic and obvious. We must end it. I have faith in us and in our resiliency. Our community has never met a challenge it could not overcome if we all work together.

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Two Miami police officers shot in ambush-style attack

The unmarked police car with bullet holes MIAMI-ADDE POLICE DEPARTMENT HANDOUT

Two plainclothes police detectives in Miami were wounded when a group of men fired dozens of shots into their unmarked car Monday night in an ambush, the Miami-Dade Police Department said.

Police apprehended several suspects early Tuesday and charges were pending, police spokesman Alvaro Zabaleta said by phone. The attack on the detectives occurred as they conducted surveillance for gang activity outside an apartment complex in northwestern Miami, police said in a news release.

The department declined to say how many men took part in the ambush.

Detective Terence White, 47, was shot in the foot and was being treated at a Miami hospital. Detective Charles Woods, 37, was released from the same hospital after being treated for a gunshot wound to an arm.

The officers' unmarked car was riddled with dozens of bullet holes, Zabaleta said.

One of the detectives returned fire but it was not known if he hit any of the attackers, police said.

Other police officers near the scene rushed the officers to the hospital in the back of a pickup truck, according to video broadcast by local television stations. The video showed the two wounded men walking into the emergency room with support from fellow officers. REUTERS

CALIFORNIA

Fourth body found following Oakland building fire

The body of a fourth victim was found on Tuesday in the rubble of an Oakland, California residential building destroyed by a fast-moving fire, the local sheriff's office said.

The unidentified remains were being brought to the coroner's office, the Alameda County Sheriff's Office said on Twitter.

Authorities said on Monday that three people were killed in the blaze and a fourth person was missing.

Only one of the casualties has so far been identified, as 64-year-old Edwarn Anderson.

Firefighters rescued at least seven people from the blaze, the San Francisco Chronicle reported. The newspaper said the building on San Pablo Avenue was leased by agencies running housing and social service programs.

The Chronicle, citing city records, said that numerous complaints had been lodged against the building for safety and sanitation problems.

Last December, 36 people were killed when a fire erupted at a dance party at a sprawling, two-story warehouse in Oakland known as the Ghost Ship that had been leased to an artists' collective.

It was the deadliest blaze in the United States since 100 people perished in a 2003 nightclub fire in Rhode Island. REUTERS

PITTSBURGH

Cache of Civil War cannon balls found at Pennsylvania construction site

The discovery of a cache of cannon balls left behind after the worst civilian disaster of the U.S. Civil War brought construction on a Pennsylvania apartment complex to a halt on Tuesday while workers waited for the ordnance to be removed.

At least 20 cannon balls were unearthed on Monday in Pittsburgh by a contractor on the site of the former Allegheny Arsenal, where a Sept. 17, 1862 explosion killed 70 mostly teenaged workers.

There were too many cannon balls for the Pittsburgh Bureau of Police's bomb disposal unit to remove so a specialty firm from Maryland was called in to clear the site, said Sonya Toler, a spokeswoman for the Pittsburgh Department of Public Safety.

"They should be on the site today to begin the work," Toler said in an interview.

Officials believe the cannon balls are stable, but have posted a 24-hour police guard on the site, Toler said.

The cannon balls made at the site were often filled with black powder, intended to explode in the air and shower enemy troops with shrapnel, said Andrew Masich, president of the Heinz History Center in Pittsburgh.

Workers had been alerted of the possibility that ordnance would be found, and stopped when the first cannonball turned up in the bucket of a excavator.

Many of the victims of the arsenal were torn apart and burned beyond recognition by the blast, which killed the 13-year-old daughter of one of the plant's supervisors, who had worked on the production line.

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Trump's funding request for border wall hits snag among some Republicans

When he ran for president, Trump pledged Mexico would pay to build the wall, designed to keep illegal immigrants and drugs from entering the United States. The Mexican government has said it will not do so.

A U.S. Border Patrol agent checks the area near the border fence in Columbus, New Mexico, on Feb. 19, 2017, on the U.S.-Mexico border. GETTY IMAGES

President Donald Trump's call for $1.5 billion this year to help build a wall along the border with Mexico could be in jeopardy as fellow Republicans in Congress weigh delaying a decision on the request.

Republican Sen. Roy Blunt, a member of his party's leadership, told reporters on Tuesday that money for the wall likely would not be coupled with a spending bill that must pass by April 28 to avoid shutting down federal agencies whose funding expires then.

Blunt said the must-do funding "comes together better" without Trump's additional request for the border wall and military programs and could be considered "at a later time."

Democrats are threatening to block the bill funding federal agencies from April 29 to Sept. 30, the end of the current fiscal year, if money for the border wall is included.

They object to one of Trump's premier 2016 campaign promises, saying it is poorly planned and that there are other border security measures already constructed or under consideration.

The initiative has also faced resistance among Republicans, including lawmakers representing some border towns. The federal government would have to purchase land in many locations in order to construct the edifice, which could make construction costs soar.

Reuters reported the wall could end up costing as much as $21.6 billion, far more than the $12 billion Trump cited.

Representative Mario Diaz-Balart also expressed skepticism about Congress' ability to approve funds for the wall, given the super-majority vote needed in the Senate for most major legislation.

Asked about the wall, Diaz-Balart, a senior member of the House of Representatives' Appropriations Committee and a leading voice on immigration policy, said: "I'm always willing to look at other things we can do to try to get that 60-vote threshold" on border and interior security. REUTERS

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Suing 'commander in tweet' for defamation?

If Donald Trump said, "So what, sue me!" to his haters, is that even possible? Is Trump legally responsible for what he writes on Twitter?

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Average citizen Donald Trump tweeted some doozies that left many scratching their heads. At times President Trump's tweets are inflammatory, but can the POTUS be sued for what he says on Twitter?

"The president is ... not above the civil law and he is not above the criminal law," Alan Sash, an attorney with the New York law offices of McLaughlin & Stern, said, but the chances someone can win a defamation case against Trump are slim.

This week, Trump's private attorneys asserted that he should be immune from a defamation lawsuit filed against him by a former contestant on the NBC show "The Apprentice" because of his presidential duties.

"Ironically [the attorneys] are pulling from the First Amendment — that the president has the right to say what is on his mind without fear of lawsuits," Sash continued.

The president doesn't have constitutional immunity from defamation, but Trump, just like any average Tom, Don and Harry cannot be sued for tweeting his opinion.

"It makes no difference that he's president and, I think that's fogging up the analysis here," Sash told Metro.

If Trump drives his car into yours, you can sue him for negligence, but if he calls someone a liar, perhaps a woman accusing him of sexual assault or a newspaper that printed something he didn't like, that would fall under opinion or hyperbole.

President Donald Trump. GETTY IMAGES

Accusing former President Barack Obama of wiretapping during the 2016 election is a serious allegation, Sash said, but Trump could always claim it was hyperbole: "I didn't give specifics," he could argue. Obama wiretapped Trump Tower. "I live in Trump Tower. Close enough."

"If I stumbled out of a bar and I started saying Obama is wiretapping me, people will think I'm a nutjob, but when the president says it, it has some weight," Sash explained. "But if he heard it from someone [like Fox News] he is then sourcing it, and that doesn't make it a statement.

"He is just spreading false rumors."

Proving libel or slander against a public person is an uphill battle, Sash said, but if Trump were to accuse a private person of a crime, there might be trouble.

And what about Trump's tweets against Nordstrom after the retailer dumped daughter Ivanka's fashion label?

"That's life," Sash said. People are allowed to vote with their pocketbooks, and it isn't illegal for a president to act "unpresidential," he added.

Sash said he would warn any elected official to be careful trying to explain any topic in 140 characters or a few sentences on Facebook.

"It's out of context and whether it's defamation or not, it's great to communicate with people, but with issues that can't be boiled down to 140 characters, it's best to leave it for a medium where you can explain yourself in full," Sash said.

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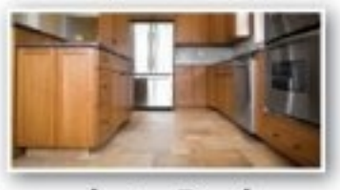

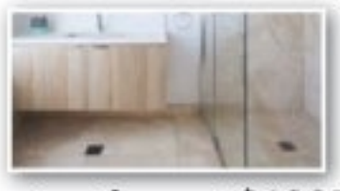

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Wells Fargo to pay $110M to settle lawsuit over account abuses

Wells Fargo & Co. said it agreed to pay $110 million to settle a lawsuit by customers challenging its opening of accounts without their permission, a practice that led to a scandal that cost the bank's chief executive his job.

The bank said on Tuesday it expects the settlement to resolve claims in 11 other pending class actions, and will cover claims between Jan. 1, 2009, through the date the agreement is executed.

The settlement agreement is yet to be approved by the court.

After attorneys' fees and costs of administration, claimants will be reimbursed for any wrong fees, Wells Fargo said on Tuesday.

The remaining

amount will be distributed to the claimants, based on the number and kinds of unauthorized accounts or services claimed, the bank said.

The lawsuit resolves claims that Wells Fargo's high-pressure culture drove branch workers needing to meet sales quotas to open unauthorized accounts, including with forged signatures.

Customers said this saddled them with accounts they did not need or want, and fees they knew nothing about.

The lawsuit dates from May 2015, 16 months before Wells Fargo agreed to pay $185 million in penalties to settle regulatory charges over the sham accounts, estimated to number as many as two million.

That settlement with the U.S. Consumer Financial Protection Bureau and Los Angeles City Attorney Mike Feuer prompted national outrage, leading to the departure in October of the bank's longtime chief executive, John Stumpf.

The named plaintiffs in the lawsuit are Shahriar Jabbari, a Californian, and Kaylee Heffelfinger, from Arizona.

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Meet Mariah Carey's hot new BF

Mariah Carey recently celebrated her 47th birthday — I'm sorry, 47th anniversary — in Cabo San Lucas. There was sun! There was fun! There were poorly lit Instagram snaps! But more important? She spent that time with her "boyfriend," Bryan Tanaka, 33.

Is it real love? Or is their relationship just a ploy for Mariah's reality show, "Mariah's World"? I literally do not know! Here's what we do know.

At the very least, he is gainfully employed.
Tanaka is chiefly a choreographer-slash-dancer type. In fact, he and Mimi met back in 2006 when he took the stage as a backup dancer on her Adventures of Mimi tour. Now, he's her creative director, which, nepotism much?

He's been creeping on her for a while.
Tanaka told E! News that he and Carey were meant to be, or whatever. "Something connected with us back in the day and there was just a mutual admiration. She saw something in me that I actually didn't recognize at first." Cute, I guess!

And Carey's ex-fiance was not a fan.
It's also worth mentioning that Mimi's ex-fiance, James Packer, was apparently filled with a jealous rage over Tanaka — who, to be fair, is definitely younger and hotter.

He takes lap dances very seriously.
MC once gave Tanaka an onstage lap dance to, uh, "help" his injured knee. As expected, the experience filled Tanaka with unbridled joy. "That moment when I got to go on stage for a second, it was a special moment in time for Mariah and myself. I'm not gonna lie it made me feel a lot better." Modern medicine, am I right?

Bar Refaeli gets in on pregnancy trend

Bar Refaeli took to Instagram on Tuesday to announce that she's expecting her second kid with husband Adi Ezra.

Because Instagram was literally created to be a tool for celebrities to share the most exciting (and other times most trivial) parts of their daily lives. Fun!

According to People, the 31-year-old model shared a photo baring her belly with the caption, "Something's cooking." Could be that she's just bloated and she has a mess of stuff in the Crock-Pot, but I guess not!

Refaeli and Ezra, a businessman, already share a daughter, Liv. The model is best known for dating Leonardo DiCaprio back in the day.

I mean, is pregnancy even cool anymore now that everyone is doing it?

This 'Fresh Prince' reunion is everything

The cast of "The Fresh Prince of Bel Air" — the seminal, classic show that changed the lives of every man, woman and child in America — had a mini-reunion, and it is everything. According to Bustle, Alfonso Ribeiro, who lives forever in your heart as Carlton Banks, shared a photo of the reunion on Instagram.

"Always amazing to spend an afternoon with my Fresh Prince family," he wrote. "Wishing that James Avery was still with us to make this complete." Avery, who pitch-perfectly played Uncle Phil, passed away in 2014.

This gives me all the feels. I mean, Geoffery is there! Geoffery! And the second Aunt Viv!

Don't get too excited though — just because the old pals are reuniting for the 'gram doesn't mean they'll be reuniting for a revival: When E! News asked Will Smith about the possibility of a reunion, he said it wasn't very likely. "I don't think ever, like pretty close to when hell freezes over." Alrighty then!

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Abby Lee Miller exits 'Dance Moms' in dramatic fashion

Abby Lee Miller, the totally evil lady from "Dance Moms," is quitting the show.

According to Deadline, the choreographer admitted as much on her Instagram, in all caps for some reason. "I will no longer take part in Dance Moms. For the past six years/seven seasons I have asked, begged, and even demanded creative credit … to no avail!"

Miller, who very clearly has little to no chill, also happens to be less than two months away from a sentence hearing for fraud. She pleaded guilty to various charges of fraud and violating currency reporting laws — whatever that means — in June. She's facing two years in prison.

This looks like a classic case of deflection to me. Only time will tell: Miller is due for sentencing May 8.

Oscar Isaac to become hot dad?

This is pure speculation, but it sure looks like Oscar Isaac is expecting with his partner, Elvira Lind. That's right: The man who was once hailed the internet's boyfriend has now relegated the interwebs to the role of sidepiece and/or mistress.

LaineyGossip noticed that a photo agency captioned Lind as pregnant, and she certainly looks the part. Sure, it could have been a big lunch, but, my, how she's glowing!

Isaac has been notoriously private about his dating life, but one time he brought Lind, a documentary filmmaker, to the Golden Globes. Which was really nice of him.

Congratulations to the couple on what is absolutely going to be an extremely good-looking baby.

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How to direct a horror film while pregnant

In "Prevenge," writer and director Alice Lowe plays a very pregnant woman who thinks her unborn child is telling her to kill.
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Alice Lowe worried she wouldn't be able to make "Prevenge" while she was with child. But she did.

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Alice Lowe is very nice. That's a little surreal if you saw her in "Sightseers." In the 2012 dark comedy, which she also co-wrote, Lowe played a mousy woman whose boyfriend (Steve Oram) schools her in the joys of gruesomely offing random strangers. She's at it again in "Prevenge," which she directed, wrote and stars in, this time as a pregnant woman who believes her unborn baby is telling her to kill.

Thing is, Lowe was really with child at the time. She wrote and directed the film while very pregnant, working out some of her anxieties in a very bloody movie.

"I had all the normal fears: 'What's going to happen to my body? Will I die? Am I going to change overnight like a Stepford wife? Am I going to become a different person?'" Lowe recalls. But she was also drawing on her less expected anxieties.

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"It had a lot to do with my fears of being an actress, of being self-employed," she says. "There isn't much of a safety net if you're going to have a kid. A lot of my friends who are fellow actresses told me, 'Don't tell people you're pregnant, because you won't work for ages.' When it's over, you can't say, 'I'm back! I want to work!' People perceive you as having disappeared."

"Prevenge" is the first feature film Lowe has directed herself, and she's amazed it happened at all. "I had thought my dreams of directing were over, because I was having a baby," she remembers. "I was like, 'Who do I know that directs films and has a tiny baby?' I know plenty of men, but no women. I thought it was game over in terms of getting to do whatever I wanted."

But she did get to make it. "For me to do this while I'm pregnant, it's almost like saying, 'You see? I can do this standing on my head,'" she says.

Still, she doesn't want to guilt trip anyone. "It wasn't my aim to make pregnant women feel bad that they're not making a feature film in their third trimester," Lowe jokes. "The point I was trying to make is you can do whatever you like."

Being likable

Another thing she wanted to do was make a movie with a protagonist who isn't exactly sympathetic. Ruth may be mad, but she's also a murderer, and she takes glee in taking a sharp blade to people she's never met, or hacking off a poor guy's member.

"One of my inspirations was 'Taxi Driver,'" Lowe says. "I've long thought about why there are no female 'Taxi Drivers.' Why don't we have loner, maverick outsiders who are female? People are capable of watching 'Taxi Driver' and not thinking, 'What a terrible representation of men.' They understand he's just one man. And you don't have to like him. Why would Travis Bickle need to be likable? Yet that's a question that gets applied to female characters often. I hear that a lot as a writer and as an actress: 'Why isn't she likable enough?' Who cares? That's a social judgment. That shouldn't come into a creative work of fiction."

Lowe hopes that the film industry will take the right lessons from certain recent hits, like "Get Out." "Certain people are underrepresented in cinema," she explains. "People have an appetite to see stories told in different ways. We're quite jaded as an audience now. I think we want to see something that feels fresh and new. That seems truthful as well. We want to see things in films that aren't being said, that are the elephants in the room."

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After losing her husband in 2015, Sandberg, the chief operating officer of Facebook, didn't think she and her children would ever be able to be truly happy again.

Adam Grant, a friend and psychologist at Penn's Wharton School, filled her in on the steps to emotional recovery, forming the basis of their book collaboration, "Option B."

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It's got a bit of an identity crisis, the neighborhood bounded by South Street and Washington Avenue to the north and south, respectively, and Broad Street and the Schuylkill River to the east and west, respectively. Variously called Southwest Center City, Graduate (or Grad) Hospital, G-Ho, South of South or SoSo, this neighborhood's convenience to Center City and relative affordability has made it a popular spot for Philly homebuyers.

As buyers were priced out of the city's most central residential neighborhood, Rittenhouse Square, Graduate Hospital became an appealing alternative. A 10-year tax abatement program for new construction and rehabs made buying in Graduate Hospital particularly attractive to developers.

One of the first to take notice was Toll Bros., which in 2004 converted what was once the first U.S. Naval Academy, then a retirement home for sailors, into an upscale gated community. Naval Square now houses luxury townhomes and apartments set on a leafy 20-acre campus notable for its suburban ambience.

But there were also plenty of opportunities for individual buyers willing to put in some sweat equity. James Shaver, a Realtor with The Mickey Pascarella Group of Keller Williams Realty, says "the proximity to Center City made Graduate Hospital one of the most logical places for distressed homes to be flipped when the tax abatement went into effect because [it] blends the vitality of Center City living with the quiet, more residential feel of neighborhoods further south."

A largely residential neighborhood, Graduate Hospital is peaceful, says Shaver, "but offers great proximity to the thriving nightlife of Center City." While narrow streets mean "there's less traffic outside your house," he cautions that residents without garages will have to cope with limited street parking.

The neighborhood boasts plenty of recreational space, however, with five parks which Shaver says "are constantly busy with events, leagues and other functions that make Graduate Hospital a great place to get active no matter if it's an adult beer league or T-ball." On its western edge, a ramp from the South Street Bridge provides access to the Schuylkill Banks Boardwalk, a 2,000-foot-long, over-the-water pathway that extends the Schuylkill River Trail.

John Featherman, associate broker at Berkshire Hathaway Home Services — Fox & Roach Realtors, calls Graduate Hospital "the new southern portion of

LOCAL HANGS

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This longtime neighborhood stalwart recently changed hands, with the original owner selling to uber developer Ori Feibush, who's mostly made his mark on the Point Breeze neighborhood to the south. Regulars will be happy that the vibe promises to remain unchanged, a successful formula of beer and house-made burgers like the Blue Ribbon (two patties, oxtail marmalade and bone marrow-parsley butter). To really make a pig of yourself, stop by on "Pork Me Sunday" for carnitas and barbecue pulled pork.

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The Devil's Pocket BRITTANY SALERNO

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While Graduate Hospital remains largely residential, the area is beginning to attract more businesses that cater to new residents. In addition to the corner bars and delis that have always been mainstays here, Graduate Hospital is increasingly seeing "upscale dining that used to be confined to Rittenhouse Square," says Shaver. He recommends Honey's Sit N Eat, a BYO, cash-only spot known for its home-style fare. It's one of the many restaurants and bars that dot South Street between Broad and the Schuylkill, an international mix that includes Jamaican, Thai, Mexican and Indian cuisine.

A portion of the neighborhood lies within the desirable Greenfield School catchment, making Graduate Hospital attractive to families with school-age children. Its proximity to University City also makes it convenient for anyone who works at nearby Drexel, UPenn or Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, which is expanding its facilities into the neighborhood along Schuylkill Avenue.

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Phillies make risky decision to bring back 'college nights'

The Phillies will welcome back college students with an April promotion.

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Any Phillies fan who was around in 2007 remembers "college nights."

The team offered an exceptionally reduced ticket price back in April of that year for anyone with a college ID. It ended pretty much how one would expect.

In addition to a small handful of drunken fans running onto the field that season (this was prior to Taser-gate), then-college student and now-NJ.com Eagles beat writer Matt Lombardo recalled this about the first college night of that season, following a game-tying Braves home run on April 4:

"That's when all hell broke loose in right field," Lombardo wrote. "Hot dogs, beer bottles and popcorn rained down on the field. Granted, Braves right fielder Jeff Francoeur probably should not have taunted the crowd throughout the evening. And picking up the first hot dog and firing it back toward the wall was not exactly the most brilliant thing he could have done. But throwing garbage onto the field served absolutely no purpose."

A season later when 2008 began, as recalled by another then-college journalist, Nick Pitts, college night was nowhere to be seen on the schedule.

"Then, I remembered what a typical college night at the Phillies game is like," Pitts recounted after lamenting over the loss of the cheap tickets. "The last of these that I was in attendance for, I ended up losing count of the number of drunken underage college kids who got kicked out of the game."

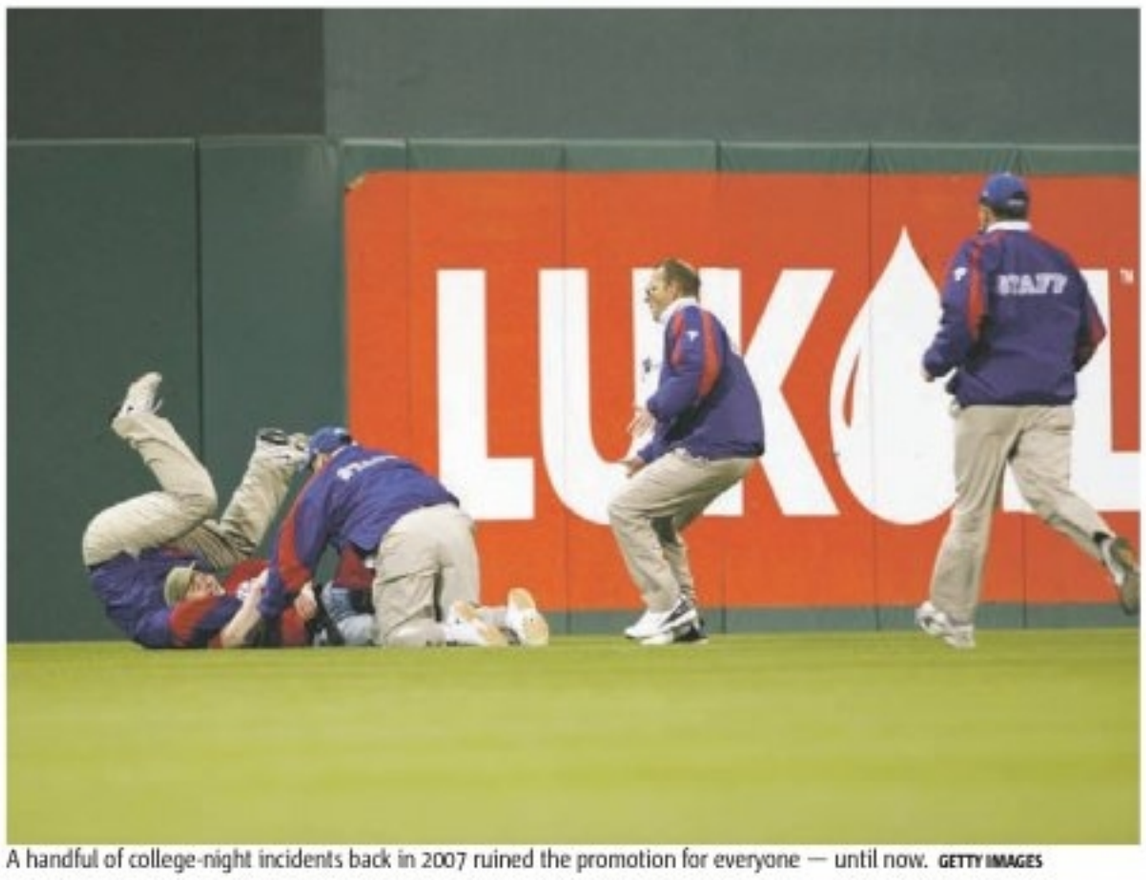
In 2017, the Phillies seem to have forgotten whatever led them to the decision to eliminate the promotion. They'll offer discounted tickets to college students throughout the month of April. In recent years the team has offered "college theme nights" that weren't as much discounts for college students as they were programs for particular college majors.

Whether it was the fact that the team became really, really good between 2008-2011 or the unruly 18- to 22-year-olds downing overpriced beers — or worse, showing up after extensive pregaming — the team will be offering $15 tickets plus "first jawn on us" for every home game in April excluding the opener on April 7.

Other promotions will occur during the month of April for college kids to take full advantage of, including dollar dog nights on April 10 and 26, a cellphone wallet giveaway on April 12 and a Phillies texting glove on April 25. The April 10 date against the Mets is a full-fledged college night with a school spirit T-shirt promotion included.

However the Phillies do seem to be slowly dipping their toes in the water. There is no word about whether the college discount will remain after the month of April — the team seems to be hedging it's bets and preparing for the worst. They also are offering $40 in free Uber rides for first time app users with the promo code: COLLEGESERIESPHL.

Will history repeat? It will certainly be entertaining if it does.



A handful of college-night incidents back in 2007 ruined the promotion for everyone — until now. GETTY IMAGES

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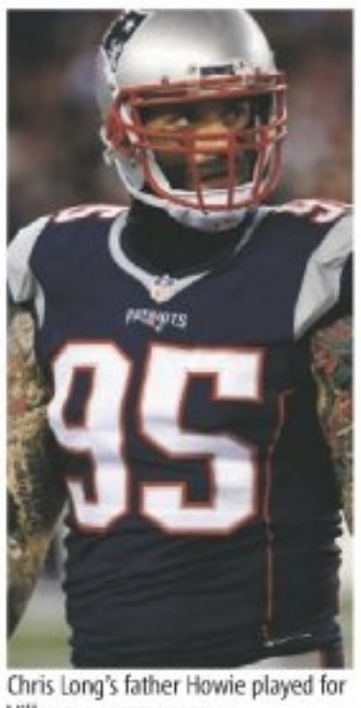
Eagles' Long signing all but assures Kelce will be cut

The Eagles made a pretty saavy move Tuesday morning, announcing they had inked Patriots free agent pass-rusher Chris Long to a two-year contract (in addition to signing 29-year-old former first round cornerback Patrick Robinson to a one-year, $1 million deal).

The 10-year NFL veteran has shown he knows how to win while playing for New England, and how to get to the quarterback prior to that in St. Louis. His previous deal with the Pats was for one year and was heavily reliant on incentives.

The 32-year-old has 58.2 career sacks in 130 career NFL games, most of them starts (in addition to 12 passes defensed, nine forced fumbles and six fumble recoveries). His contract — whatever the structure is — will represent a big savings from the recently cut Connor Barwin, for whom he will take over as a defensive end.



Chris Long's father Howie played for Villanova. GETTY IMAGES

The bigger issue with the signing is that it will put the Eagles likely somewhere in the $7 million range over the maximum allowed salary for an NFL team.

The two most likely culprits to get the ax are running back Ryan Mathews and center Jason Kelce.

Kelce's possible release would open up $3.8 million in cap space and Mathews' would relieve $4 million. Kelce is more vulnerable than Mathews because he has been slowly showing his age at center and could be replaced by Isaac Seumalo now that Chance Warmack has been inked with the Birds to play guard.

With the NFL draft nearly a month away, both positions could be replaced via a rookie, but the Eagles are in desperate need of cap space. They will also get some help from whatever team decides to sign cut backup quarterback Chase Daniel. EVAN MACY

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Will J.P. Crawford make the leap to the majors this season? GETTY IMAGES

As spring training nears its end, where are the Phillies prospects?

Maybe it's time to start paying more attention to prospects at the lower minor league levels.

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Up until a few years ago, patience was a seldom used word around the Philadelphia sports world.

It has since become synonymous with all of the city's franchises, whether it be with Carson Wentz's development, the Sixers' process or the Flyers stockpiling of high-end prospects or the Sixers trusting their process.

Yet, the Phillies' stash of prospects that have been collected over the years are, for the most part, stuck in the minor leagues. Does that mean all of this hype has been under false pretenses?

Looking at the team's projected Opening Day lineup, names like Maikel Franco, Odubel Herrera and Tommy Joseph look to be a part of the future. None of them, though, were high draft picks or brought in as a center piece of a trade. Franco was signed as an international free agent in 2010, Herrera a Rule-5 selection and Joseph came as part of the Hunter Pence deal in which Nate Schierholtz's name held more value.

What about the big guns the Phillies have acquired? J.P. Crawford? Nick Williams? Jorge Alfaro? Roman Quinn?

Well, they'll all be back in the minors this season.

It's a bit frustrating, particularly with Crawford, who has been among baseball's most talked about prospects yet hasn't been able to get over the hump. Guys like Williams and Quinn could've had a chance to make the Opening Day roster, especially Quinn, if the Phillies didn't venture into free agency for Howie Kendrick and Michael Saunders.

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The latter moves help the team now, but does it slow down the development of their young outfielders?

While fans may be becoming tired of the waiting game for some of these players, it doesn't mean these prospects have been overhyped or are losing ground. Sure, Crawford probably was unfairly labeled as the No. 1 prospect in baseball two years ago and maybe there were too high of expectations placed on the power-swinging Williams, but these two — along with the dozens of other notable prospects — are going to make some noise on the Phillies … eventually.

Rather than rush the youngsters or expect too much out of an individual prospect, take a look at what may be the biggest reward of the Phillies' process and look no further than their youngest talent.

Mickey Moniak, the No. 1 overall pick two years back, has all the tools to be a very special big leaguer. Cornelius Randolph, the team's first round pick in 2015, turned heads at Single-A. Third baseman Cole Stobbe batted .270 in rookie ball after being taken in the third round of the 2016 draft. Carlos Tocci, a 21-year-old, made strides in Clearwater (A), as well.

Point being: Perhaps there has been too much stock placed on the bigger name prospects at the higher levels and not enough attention on the newer faces in the lower levels.

When that talent comes to the forefront in two to four years as the likes of Crawford, Williams and Quinn settle into the big leagues, well, that's when the patience will finally pay off.

So, no, the Phillies process hasn't been flawed, it's just a slower developing process that comes naturally with baseball.

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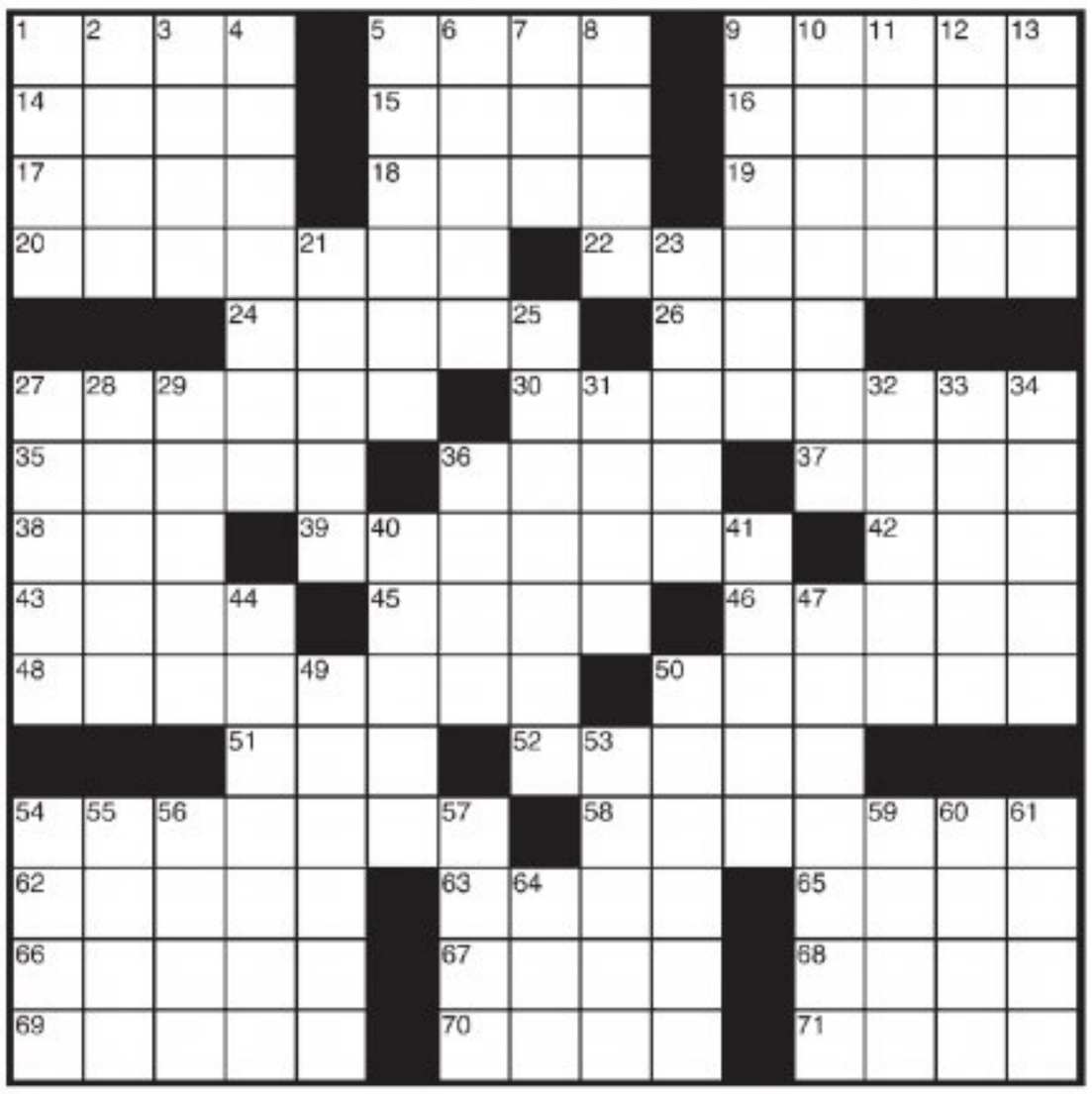

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Aries Engage in something new and exciting. Trust in your ability to get things done. Don't fear competition or fold under pressure. Stand tall and do your own thing.

Taurus If you get out and participate, you will become aware of situations influencing your community. Getting involved will give you a voice and help you make a difference.

Gemini You can only hide for so long. Deal with issues before matters spin out of control. Don't let pride stand between you and doing what's right. Become the solution.

Cancer Rely on the people who have never let you down. Trust will be required if you want to avoid situations that could potentially make you look bad.

Leo Use your intelligence to bring about positive change. Your ability to find solutions and get things done will give you an edge over your professional rivals.

Virgo Look for opportunities to learn something new and make new acquaintances. Networking functions will help you to make upcoming decisions.

Libra If you want to keep the peace, be willing to put in more effort on the domestic front. Put greater emphasis on nurturing relationships and maintaining equality.

Scorpio Don't dismiss your intuition. If something doesn't feel right to you, take action and get to the bottom of the situation quickly. Your concerns will be valid. Act now.

Sagittarius Step it up a notch and show everyone what you have to offer. Your magnetism and presentation will be difficult to resist. Positive changes are within reach.

Capricorn Overdoing it will cause problems. Overspending, excessive behavior or taking on too much will lead to added stress, long hours and a need for damage control.

Aquarius Monetary gains will come from an unexpected source. Invest in yourself, your skills and your standard of living. Love and romance will enhance your life.

Pisces Rely on your uniqueness to reach your goals. Being observant will help you put your life in perspective. Make choices based on facts and your particular skill. EUGENIA LAST

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